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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 26, 2005, Applicants submit the following remarks and respectfully request entry of the proposed amendments and request reconsideration of the application. A petition for a two-month extension of time is attached to this response extending the period to reply from August 26, 2005 to October 26, 2005.

Applicants believe that no further extensions of time are required at this time. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Attorney's deposit Account No. 23-1951.

Amendment to the claims may be found at pages 2-28; and

Remarks may be found beginning at page 29.